

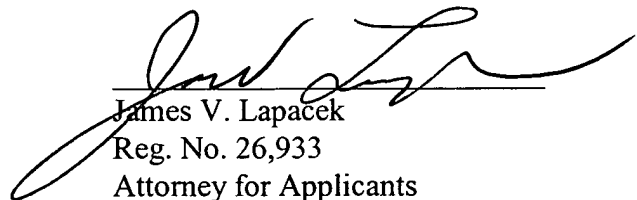
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review this application which has been amended after a careful consideration of the Examiner's comments in the above-identified Office Action. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 as being anticipated by the Boothe reference US/1,998,042. Claim 1 has been amended, claims 2-3 canceled, and new claim 4 has been added depending from claim 1. It is applicants' opinion that claim 1, as amended and new claim 4 patentably distinguish over the prior art including the cited references.

For example, in Boothe, the element is placed through holes in one of the terminals and in an insulating bar extending from the other of the terminals. Claim 1, as amended, is directed to the formation of the second mechanical element by looping the fusible element about a pin. In this way, efficient structure is provided for a low current, fuse cartridge and the fusible element is able to move freely under spring tension upon operation. Claim 4, depending from claim 1, recites further aspects of applicants' invention regarding the formation of a third element via an additional pin provided in the insulating portion of the second terminal. These features are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art.

Accordingly, claim 1, as amended, new claim 4, and this application are considered to be in a condition for allowance and a favorable action to that end and allowance of this application by the Examiner are respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that clarification of any issue or comment herein would be helpful to facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below for a telephonic interview or to arrange a personal interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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